

## **Growth Group Homework and Discussion Questions**

For the Week of February 28-March 6, 2010  
"Don't Go Green!"

### **Homework:**

Before your Growth Group meets, take about 20 minutes on your own to complete the following..

Pastor Larry said that it is easy to see envy and selfish ambition in other people but that we often aren't quick to see them in ourselves. Review the following scriptures and ask God to reveal to you any tendencies you may have to become envious or selfishly ambitious.

Proverbs 14:30; James 3:14-18; 1 Corinthians 13:4; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Peter 2:11

Write down what God has shown you about envy and selfish ambition in your life:

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### **Growth Group Discussion Questions:**

The following questions are to be discussed when your Growth Group meets this week.

**My Story:** If I could invent a device to make my life easier, I'd invent something that would \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Digging Deeper:**

Envy often arises when we become discontent with what we have. The book of Ecclesiastes records King Solomon's search for contentment in a world where he had everything at his fingertips. Take a look at what he learned by reading the following passages and then write down his insights about the pursuit of contentment.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Ecclesiastes 4:4-8

Ecclesiastes 5:10-16

What principle from these verses is most important for you to remember regarding contentment?

Envy and selfish ambition are something that the disciples wrestled with even after spending a lot of time with Jesus. In Mark 10:35-45, we read about two of the disciples seeking special favor from Jesus at the expense of the others.

How does Jesus' response to these two disciples help us deal with our own temptations toward self-promotion?

How does Jesus' response to the other 10 disciples help us deal with the times we are envious of others?

**Living It:**

What do you tend to struggle with the most when it comes to being envious of the possessions or successes of others?

What are some ways (either healthy or unhealthy) that you have dealt with any temptations toward envy and a lack of contentment in the past?

In light of this weekend's sermon, what are some ways you can handle these when they come up in the future?